

Questions for Panelists

Dialogue on SFPA Partnerships

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SCIENCE

- Which elements have to be in place in order to improve scientific assessments underpinning determination of surplus for target fisheries?
- Do you believe a regional approach is regarded in this context, in particular in relation to management of shared stocks such as small pelagic species, black hake or tropical tuna in African countries?
- How we can better implement scientific recommendations to policy and management decisions?

TRANSPARENCY

- There are some “aspirational clauses” in the agreements (such as the transparency clause or the social clause) that are still lacking appropriate implementation or enforcement. What can be put in place to improve them?
- Which measure should be in place to improve transparency needed from both sides (transparency of fishing activities and publication of all fisheries arrangements in force, as well as periodic reporting of catch/landings)?

USE OF SECTORAL SUPPORT

- How could it be optimised the use of the sectoral support? Do you think the bureaucracy is too burdensome and hampers more action?
- Are there any potential improvements on the focus and implementation of the sectoral support?

SOCIAL DIMENSION

- In your view, why are the SFPAs important for partner countries? What is their added value vis-à-vis other fisheries arrangements such as private agreements or public-private partnerships?

INTERNATIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE

- How to better align objectives on SFPAs with recommendations of RFMOs dealing with highly migratory and transboundary stocks (tropical tunas, sharks, small pelagic stocks...) that are also caught within EEZs under the SFPAs?